

Interview Summary

Application No.

10/713,223

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Dennis G. Bonshock

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Dennis G. Bonshock.

(3) _____.

(2) Ed Garlepp.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 12 December 2007.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 7, 12 and 17.

Identification of prior art discussed: Launey, Eriksson, DeMers.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

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Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant presented a claim amendment that would clarify the independent claims to require a selection of a touch sensitive button via a spatial map, to display the related menu. The Examiner noted the growing similarities between the present application and copending 10/713,224, and noted that further consideration regarding a possible double patenting rejection would be required. The Examiner noted that the proposed amendment appears to overcome the prior art of record but further search and/or consideration is required. Applicant's Representative also proposed several dependent claims with further dependent features to clarify distinctions .